

MURDER VICTIM IS FOUND IN POOL OF BLOOD

GERMAN ARMY MAY FORCE GREATEST BATTLE OF WAR ON SLAVS CAUGHT IN TRAP

Russian Force is Threatened With Destruction Following Surrender of Vilna

RETREAT IS CUT OFF BY BLOCKED ROADS

LONDON, Sept. 20.—The Russian army menaced in the fall of Vilna by the Germans' encircling movement is estimated variously at 250,000 to 500,000 men. The conditions under which the Russians are attempting to extricate themselves furnishes a striking parallel to those which followed the capture of Warsaw. They may precipitate one of the greatest if not the greatest battles which has been fought on the eastern front.

Although no official confirmation has been received in London from Petrograd this morning, of the fall of Vilna, the British press has accepted the German claim readily, in view of the situation that had been developing. Concern is expressed for the retreating Russian forces. So far as can be judged Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's troops have flung a loop about the Russians from a front of some 200 miles and are not only in their rear, but are menacing seriously the single railway line and the few available wagon roads to the south.

As was the case at Warsaw, the number of Russian prisoners left behind with the evacuation of Vilna was not great. Apparently the only way in which the retreating forces may ameliorate the seemingly bad situation is by a counter blow.

It is pointed out that Von Hindenburg's cavalry has penetrated so deeply in hostile country as to create a salient open to sudden attacks, if the Russians should be able to command reinforcements at a proper time and place, but it is not believed here that his opponents are in a position to deal such a blow effectively.

There is a great deal of speculation as to the German objective. Opinion is divided whether Von Hindenburg will seek merely to close his loop, thus capturing the army within the net, or not content with this will press eastward toward Minsk and from the west through Stolin in an effort to reproduce the encircling movement on a more gigantic scale and again try for a decisive victory. Similar tactics attempted after the fall of Warsaw met with failure. The Russians are employing their familiar rear guard tactics and hope is expressed in the British press that they will be able to fight their way out without shattering losses.

Next to Warsaw, Vilna is the most important town in western Russia. It is a railroad junction of great military importance. It was from Vilna that Napoleon fled in disguise in 1812, during the retreat from Moscow.

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—Announcement was made by the war office today of an attack by German forces on the Serbians. It was said the Serbians were driven back. The German forces are pursuing the Russian army which is attempting to escape from the enveloping movement in the Vilna region.

The Russians are offering little resistance to the advance of the Germans.

BOY 12, KILLS BOY 14.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Sept. 20.—Indications are that Max Lively, 12-year-old boy, who is charged with the death of 14-year-old Carl Carnahan, who died here Saturday, as the result of a knife wound inflicted Thursday morning by Lively, while the two were engaged in a fight, will have to stand trial for his life. Lively was arraigned before Juvenile Court Judge Taylor and released on \$1,000 bond.

COMMISSION TO BE GIVEN BABY WHO REMAINS IN THE RACE TO THE END

A commission of 10 per cent on all money that may be turned in on subscriptions during the contest will be paid to any baby who remains actively in the contest until the end.

The above is one of the conditions of The West Virginian's "Shower of Gold for Babies," which will close Saturday night at 9 p. m. If your baby is in the race and you are among those who have not turned in any subscriptions during the past two weeks you should get busy now and keep on turning in subscriptions until the end if you expect to be rewarded. If you don't keep working until the end you

MASON WILL SPEAK ON VIRGINIA DEBT

Local Man Invited to Address State Board of Trade.

Judge John W. Mason has accepted an invitation to deliver an address on "Interesting Phases of the Virginia Debt Question," at the eleventh annual convention of the West Virginia State Board of Trade, which will meet in Fairmont Tuesday and Wednesday, October 19 and 20.

Other able speakers are being arranged for by President Louis Bennett, of Weston; Secretary R. B. Naylor, of Wheeling and other members of the executive council of the board. This convention promises to be one of the most successful in the history of the organization in advancing the industrial and commercial interests of the state.

A committee of the local members of the board will meet late this afternoon to arrange for the entertainment of the 100 or more delegates who will visit Fairmont to represent various trade and civic organizations throughout the entire state. The entertainment committee includes J. Walter Barnes, chairman; Charles Evans, secretary; T. L. Brett and J. M. Jacobs.

A banquet with plenty of good things to eat, and witty, pertinent addresses has been a feature of the convention entertainment at preceding sessions and the committee this afternoon will consider a continuance of this custom by a fitting dinner in Fairmont.

Members of Duma Are Thrown in Jail

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—According to Stockholm dispatches, Deputy Tcheidse and seventeen other members of the Russian duma have been arrested. The duma buildings in Petrograd and all the railway stations have been occupied by the military, the advice add.

Considerable dissatisfaction was evidenced last week when the Russian duma was prorogued by imperial decree to the middle of November. The cabinet had objected to the program of reforms proposed by the majority in the chamber, comprising the liberal and progressive elements, and had threatened to resign.

forfeit all claims to commissions, should you fail to win a prize. In each district the race is close and a few dollars' worth of NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS turned in before Wednesday night might mean the difference between a \$25 and a \$100 prize. You would feel that you have not done your duty toward your baby if you "lie down" so near the end. Go see your friends again. If they have given you a subscription for six months have them extend it to one year. If they have promised to help "later" tell them now is the time. The end is near and you need their help.

FARM GIRL BRIDE TO WIN HIM \$17,000



Chas. Schluter
MISSOURI VALLEY, Iowa, Sept. 20.—Charles Schluter, 23, of Missouri Valley, today is single and earning \$30 a month in a depot lunch room. On October 1 he will be married and worth \$17,000.

Eight weeks ago Schluter's bachelor uncle, Charles Schlutz of New York, died. By his will he left \$17,000 to young Charles on the condition that the latter would marry by October 1.

Charles began looking about. Newspapers helped him. Every mail brought him letters.

Charlie counted up today and he had 175 letters. And he's found the girl.

The \$17,000 bride? She's a quiet, home-loving little blonde, daughter of a Nebraska farmer. That's all he'll say about her. Her name will be a secret till after the wedding.

London People Panic Stricken in German Raid

PASSENGERS ARRIVING IN NEW YORK TELL DETAILS OF AIR FIGHT.

MEN AND WOMEN COMING FROM THEATRES FIGHT FOR TAXI CABS.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—A handful of persons from the million who saw the first Zeppelin raid over the heart of London on the night of September 8, reached New York today aboard the steamship Orduna with thrilling stories of the fight in the sky between the invaders and the British aircraft and other details of the damage inflicted which had hitherto been suppressed by the British censor.

Picked together from accounts given by the Orduna's passengers the story of a raid was as follows: "The raid occurred between 10:45 and 11:15 o'clock on the night of September 8, a raid the previous night having reached the eastern section of the city but not the heart. Persons asleep in the Metropole, the Victoria and other hotels in the center of the city were awakened by the incessant whirr of aeroplane engines as the British air fleet took wing to repel the invaders. Just as the Zeppelins appeared over the strand, most of the theatres were pouring crowds into the streets.

There, according to some passengers, a panic impended when the first word of the approaching aircraft was passed from mouth to mouth in whispers. The lights were turned off and men and women in evening clothes fought for taxicabs and other vehicles to take them home.

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Labor Men to Discuss Canada Conscription

(By Associated Press.)
VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 20.—The possibility of conscription in Canada probably will be given attention by the Canadian Trades Union Congress, which convened here today. P. M. Draper, secretary of the congress, said that while the question was not on the set program, it would probably be considered along with other questions in which labor might be affected by the European war.

Dumba Will Leave U. S. September 28

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—It was learned today that Dr. Dumba, Austro-Hungarian ambassador, whose recall was asked by President Wilson, had reserved passage on the steamer Rotterdam, which will sail from this port Tuesday, September 28. The reservation was made today. The Rotterdam's port of destination is Rotterdam, Holland, whence the ambassador may travel through neutral territory into Germany and thence to Vienna.

Ambassador Dumba at last accounts was at his summer home at Lenox, Mass.

BUSINESS JOINS IN FIGHT AGAINST COAL RATE RAISE

Other Industries to Aid Coal Men in Battle of the Railroads

HOLD PROTEST MEETING

Ohio's Freight Rate is Already Cheaper than West Virginia's.

The proposed increase from 25 cents to 40 cents differential in the freight rate on shipments of coal from West Virginia to western markets has aroused the state to such an extent that business men in scores of industries are joining with the coal operators in protesting against the higher rates as discriminatory.

Workersmen throughout the state, including not only the laborers who toll underground in the mines, but the men also who earn their living by employment in other industries are opposing the increase.

Labor and capital throughout the state are joining hands to resist what is regarded as a blow at the general industrial prosperity of West Virginia for scores of other industries in the state depend directly or indirectly upon the marketing of coal for their very existence.

Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce and other civic organizations throughout the state are preparing to join the associations of coal operators if necessary in protesting to the railroads against asking the increase in differential. In case the railroads persist in carrying the matter to the Interstate Commerce Commission the coal operators' backed by other business interests of the state and by the workersmen, will conduct a most vigorous fight to prevent the commission from granting the increase in differential.

At a recent meeting of the Central West Virginia Coal Operators' Association, attended by representatives of 85 per cent of the productive capacity of the district a fund was subscribed to employ counsel to appear before the Interstate Commerce Commission in behalf of the operators. William A. Glasgow, Jr., of Philadelphia, and J. Walter Lord, of Baltimore, were selected to represent the association.

Similar action has been taken by others of the ten associations of coal operators in West Virginia, including the Splint and Gas Coal Association, comprising the high volatile mines ownership and also the associations in the low volatile fields of the Pocahontas and New River regions.

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Aged Woman Dies at Home in Edgemont

Mrs. Bridget O'Day Dillon, wife of William M. O'Day Dillon, died this morning at 9:15 o'clock at her home in Edgemont, aged 82 years, after an illness of several weeks of heart trouble.

Mrs. Dillon is survived by the following children: Patrick, Charles, Thomas, Michael, Mrs. Thomas Napier, of Monongah; Sister Anella, of the Wheeling convent; Agnes, Norah, Bessie and Genevieve. Two sisters, Mrs. Winnie Donlin, of Clarksburg, and Mrs. Edward Cornwell, of Monongah, and one brother, John O'Day, also survive.

The funeral will take place Wednesday morning from St. Peter's Catholic church. Interment will be made in Holy Cross cemetery by Undertaker R. C. Jones.

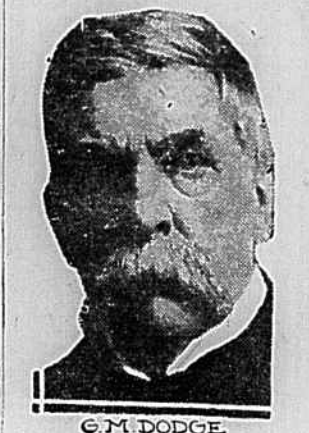
Mrs. O'Day was an estimable woman and was greatly beloved in the community in which she resided. She was a devoted wife and mother.

Officers of Grafton Bank are Indicted

(By Associated Press.)
GRAFTON, Sept. 20.—Fifteen felony indictments returned by the Taylor county grand jury against Charles R. Durbin, former president of the Bank of Grafton, in connection with the closing of the institution some time ago. Indictments also were returned against Col. John T. McGraw, Democratic national committeeman; T. E. Cole and all the other directors for failure to attend meetings.

The indictments allege misdeemeanors. Total liabilities of the institution were about \$300,000 all of which it is stated will be paid. B. E. Hiett, the receiver, is in charge of the bank.

50TH CAMP TO HONOR CIVIL WAR VETERAN



G. M. DODGE
A civil war veteran who will be especially honored at the fiftieth encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic Sept. 27, at Washington, D. C. Gen. Dodge is one of the only two surviving corps commanders of the civil war. Gen. J. W. Wilson of Delaware, is the other.

Rockefeller Jr. Visits Colorado

(By Associated Press.)
TRINIDAD, Col., Sept. 20.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., arrived here today for an inspection of the properties of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. Mr. Rockefeller and his party probably will spend two or three weeks in Colorado.

One Dies When Fire Destroys Liner Athina

PASSENGERS AND CREW ARE RESCUED BY OTHER VESSELS.

THE TUSCANIA SENDS WIRELESS TELLING OF SHIP'S DESTRUCTION.

(By Associated Press.)
HALIFAX, Sept. 20.—The Greek steamer Athina was destroyed by fire at sea with a loss of one life, according to a message received by the marine department today. The steamer Tuscania rescued 408 passengers and crew and the steamer Roumanian Prince 61 others.

The message from the Tuscania was dated at 7 a. m. and was the first official word received from the liner since the wireless report last night that the Athina was afire and that the Tuscania had rescued the passengers. The origin of the fire was not stated in the message, which read:

"Heard distress call at 8:30 a. m. yesterday. Arrived on spot at noon and sent line across to help them. Transferred passengers about 4 p. m. Athina was abandoned about 8:30 p. m. We rescued 408 passengers and crew and the Roumanian Prince rescued 61. There was only one life lost that of a man who jumped overboard. We left the wreck burning fiercely in No. 1 and No. 2 holds at 10:30 p. m."

Resigns Pulpit for Career in U. S. Army

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 20.—The Rev. Arthur P. S. Hyde, who during three years of missionary and church work had maintained his rank as a captain of artillery in the United States army, announced, it was made public today, his resignation as pastor of St. Clement's Episcopal Church here so that he might discharge the full duty as army officer.

Rain Fall and Cool Weather Predicted

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Cooler weather in the east is predicted by the weather bureau to follow in the wake of a storm which is central this morning over Lake Superior. Storm warnings were ordered for Lake Huron, eastern Lake Superior and all Lake Michigan except the southern portion. Rainfalls as far as the Ohio valley region are expected to follow the storm which will probably pass out to sea through the St. Lawrence valley.

The Weather.

West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania—Threatening today and Tuesday, probably showers; cooler Tuesday.

Temperature Today.

| Recorded hourly at The West Virginian office. | | | | |
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| A. M. . . . | 8:00 | 9:00 | 10:00 | 11:00 |
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| P. M. . . . | 1:00 | 2:00 | 3:00 | |
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BODY OF ITALIAN IS CUT AND TORN WITH STILETTO; MAY BE BLACK HAND CASE

Police and County Officers are Busy Hunting Murderers--Many Clues Left on Scene

DEVELOPMENTS ARE EXPECTED LATE TODAY

The body of Tony Schepis, an Italian, aged about 25, who worked at the Willett's Clay Pottery, was found two and one-half miles below the city, opposite the B. & O. shops on the East Side, this morning at 8:30 o'clock. The body was covered with stiletto wounds. The face was crushed with stones which were found near the body. The stones were covered with blood. On the body was found a watch, several letters, rings and gold cuff buttons. No money was found on the man, although he had received \$11.50 pay last Saturday.

HATFIELD HELPS DEDICATE CHURCH

Governor Speaks on Great Progress Made in Religious Life.

SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Sept. 20.—Governor H. D. Hatfield yesterday addressed an audience of fully five hundred people at the dedication of the Methodist Episcopal church of Padon City. The dedication was in charge of Dr. M. F. Compton, district superintendent, who made the dedicatory address.

The church which was dedicated is a structure costing in the neighborhood of \$4,000. It occupies two lots, which were given the congregation by a real estate agency. The lots are near the central part of the city. It has a congregation of only fifty members and is only two years old. Until recently it had no regular pastor. Rev. Kelley who has been in the ministry for several years was a superintendent for the Standard Oil company. This he resigned and took a charge that paid his pastor \$300 a year, and since his entrance into the ministry he has built either a church or a parsonage every year. In the comparatively short time \$1,750 was raised which cleared the church of debt.

Governor Hatfield spoke on the progress made in religious life. How the church is responsible for the greater part of events that have occurred that tend towards the uplift of the citizen ship. He spoke of the development of America since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which threw off the yoke of oppression, giving entire freedom, until today America stands far greater than any other nation.

The progress of West Virginia is shown everywhere, in the missionary field, many are in the foreign countries doing the works of uplifting the barbarian. This country would have been at war today were it not for the progress made in the religious life of the people, but Governor Hatfield said, the people are patriotic and would not fail at any time to defend the stars and stripes. The country has not as yet reached its ideal and is now beginning to respect human rights. This, the chief executive said, is due largely to the ministry. The governor after speaking over an hour, closed his address by praising the mother, speaking of the respect that is due her from the sons and daughters.

Suits Will Test Title of Coal Lands

LYNCHBURG, Va., Sept. 20.—Judge H. C. McDowell of the Federal District Court here has commenced the hearing of the case of the Virginia-West Virginia Coal Company of Charleston, W. Va., against the Fairmont-Buchanan Coal Company, in which title to a tract of Buchanan County land is involved.

This, together with another case yet to be heard, will be used as a test of 17 cases instituted in the court here by the Virginia-West Virginia Coal Company, in which the title of 140,000 acres of coal, timber and mineral lands in Buchanan County, this State, is involved. By agreement of counsel representing the plaintiff company and about 2,000 defendants, the result in these two cases will be accepted as final in the remaining 15 cases.

The body was first discovered by Newton Hess, who was walking to the city. Hess noticed blood on the tracks and followed the trail into the bushes nearby. He walked for a distance of 20 yards, and discovered that the body had been covered with brush and weeds. The blood was fresh, which indicated that the man had been killed within the past 10 hours. The distance that the man was dragged and the strength that it must have taken to carry him that far through very rough territory caused the police to think that more than one is guilty of the man's death.

Hess called the police, and Chief Harr, Sheriff Conaway and Deputy Tom Buckley, Justice of the Peace Fleming, Coroner Lloyd and Constable Satterfield went to the scene. After looking the body over the officers pronounced the death due to murder, caused by wounds inflicted with a knife or a stiletto.

The man's body was brought to the undertaking establishment of R. L. Cunningham on Jefferson street. An autopsy will be held this afternoon. The letters on the man's body had the name and his address, which was 169 Merchant street. The officers called at the house and learned that Schepis went out after supper last night at 7:30 o'clock. When asked where Schepis was to have gone to spend the evening Mrs. Rocco Scaleria, the land-lady at the house, said she was unable to say. She says, however, that the other men that board at the house all left together last night at 8 o'clock, but she did not know where they had gone.

The police searched the rooms of the house where the man boarded and found a number of articles of wearing apparel which were brought to the office of the prosecuting attorney. Among these were two pairs of trousers that showed evidence of having been worn in weeds and around water. The place where the man was killed is such a place.

The boarders of the house are being rounded up this afternoon by the officers. These include four men who are said to work at the Willett's Clay Pottery Company and Mrs. Marie Diperto, a woman who also had a room at the house. The officers think that Mrs. Diperto knows more of the affair than she has told them when they paid a visit to the house this morning. Mrs. Rocco Scaleria will also be held by the authorities until a thorough investigation is made.

Suffragists Are Organizing State

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Sept. 20.—Representatives of national and state woman suffrage associations are organizing county associations throughout the state, special attention having been given the last few weeks to the eastern, northern and central counties. The movement is preparatory to a vigorous campaign which will be waged in favor of the proposed woman suffrage constitutional amendment that will be voted on at the general election next year. Among the latest organizations is one just formed in Lewis county by Dr. Harriet B. Jones, widely known physician of Wheeling. Mrs. Allie Jackson is the president, Mrs. G. C. Burrell, vice president, Miss Rose Troxell, recording secretary, Mrs. Fannie Justice, treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Jackson, superintendent of press work, and Miss Ella Clifton, superintendent of literature. District leaders are Mrs. William Wilson, Mrs. L. L. Richards, Mrs. Edith Hall, Mrs. J. H. Hare and Mrs. E. J. Kane. Speakers are touring Harrison county in the interest of a county organization.